

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

MATHESON FLIGHT EXTENDERS, INC.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-1925-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the State of Washington's unopposed motion to seal exhibits attached to its motion in limine that disclose a former employee's private medical conditions (Dkt. No. 75). "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g). To overcome that presumption, a party must show "good cause" for sealing a document attached to a non-dispositive motion and "compelling reasons" to seal a document attached to a dispositive motion. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178–81 (9th Cir. 2006). The motion in limine is a non-dispositive motion, and the Court finds good cause to seal the exhibits because the State's interest in keeping the employee's private medical conditions under seal outweighs the public's interest in their disclosure, particularly because the parties have reached a settlement and the records will not be used in the litigation. Therefore, the Court GRANTS the motion.

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1 DATED this 31st day of March 2021.

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